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<p><b>MAYOR JERRY SANDERS</b> <b>MEDIA STATEMENT</b></p>
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**CITY WILL NOT APPEAL PERB DECISION**

The San Diego City Council voted in closed session yesterday not to appeal the recent unfavorable decision by the state's Public Employee Relations Board regarding the managed competition collective bargaining process.

"While we're disappointed the PERB didn't rule in the city's favor, complying with the order offers the best chance of moving the managed competition reform forward," said Mayor Jerry Sanders. "Appealing the decision would have been a major gamble and would have caused longer delays than accepting the ruling and doing what's necessary to get this initiative back on track."

In his Aug. 22 ruling, PERB administrative law judge Thomas Allen said the city, relying on flawed advice by City Attorney Mike Aguirre, must negotiate with labor unions on the managed competition guide. The decision also requires that the city re-do impasse proceedings on the implementation ordinance governing managed competition, the reform initiative overwhelmingly approved by San Diego voters in November 2006.

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